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Another resignation

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has resigned from
her position

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FROSTIVAL FUN



Mamta Lulla Western Review

The weather agreed with the Family Frostival event held at Willey West Campground on Jan. 24 with a lot of snow-filled activities. Children were seen trying maple syrup tuffi, making snow men and snow volcanoes, and all in all having some outdoor fun. For more pictures turn to pg. 22.

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news

Oil prices to stay low

Prices at the pump may see an increase in spring

Norman Little
Norman Little

Don't expect oil prices to go up anytime soon, says an oil analyst.

"I think prices are going to remain low for a while," said vice president at MJ Evin & Associates Jason Parent, an energy analyst company. "I think we have reached kind of that bottom end. The prices, I think at this point, dropping prices have slowed down to the point where they will remain for some time. The fundamental that are there right now suggest prices will start to come up again in late 2015 reaching \$65 to \$70 a barrel most likely."

But the Brazeau County Acting Reeve Shirley Mahan is positive about the situation and says January is a slow time anyway, post holiday season.

"Here at County we see business as usual. Business premise is still very active. We have had several business applications being proposed from home based businesses to larger developments, road permits for that sector to be good," she said.

She says the situation isn't new to the area, and we have seen through this before.

"I think the push in Drayton Valley has seen its ups and downs. We anticipate that. We know some projects are being delayed during the first quarter, budgets are being tightened, but we can't overreact with all of this because we have been here before. We have rich reserves in the Pembina oil field and the existing wells still need to be serviced so it's not like we are going to run out of the pump just because oil prices are down. We still have to do it. But what does get affected at times like these are new drilling projects. So definitely our well drilling is still going to be effective, the basic tax won't be," she explained.

She agrees jobs in the area are all based, but she hasn't witnessed many cuts.

"Weil of course, we are all based here basically. It is going to have a little bit of impact. As far as jobs, and job security, nobody is going to know that until it actually happens," she added.

Looking ahead into the year, she aims to tighten up some of the bills.

"Budget has already been set, and that was done in November, we are sitting in a very good spot right now. We have been thrifty with our money. We have invested well and we have gained a lot of interest with our investment. So I think moving on we will be fine for this year and expect to understand what's going on so we will be tighter on a little bit, we will be looking at things closer, not that we haven't been before," she said.

Earlier in January, Sunoco, a major oil sands company announced cutting down 100 jobs and \$1 billion in capital spending as a reaction to the dip in oil prices. Parent says this is a normal reaction to what's been going on in the industry.

"That's a natural reaction to this stuff. The positive outcome of this is that those are the steps that need to be taken to turn the situation around. Low oil prices right now are a product of too much supply and stagnant demand. Those moves are to pull the capital expenditure out of the table... to help the supply side. But it takes some time for that to happen, that is why I expect prices to stay low for a while," he explained.

Within the area, oil is not only a subject of conversation but a source of pride. "It's a source of pride that they are feeling the crunch."

Recently an event called the Wapiti Oil Additions that was scheduled to be taking place on Jan. 23 and Jan. 24 has been postponed to April. The event was a dog sled fundraiser and dinner to help raise money for Almond Tree Drayton Valley.

Drayton Valley Dodgeball Association commissioner Tyler Kinch said the organizers want to see a successful event, and with a lack of interest in sponsorship by local businesses the event may not see as many people out on the court as it would like, hence it has been postponed. Some of the other reasons for the postponement of the event are the cost of the players' equipment and the cost of the event.

"A successful tournament will lay a foundation for an annual event," said Kinch.

Although some members of the community are cracking over the fact that the crash in oil

prices has meant the prices at the pumps are also low. Parent says come spring time, gasoline prices may see an increase.

"Come spring time regardless of what happens to crude prices, you are likely to see gas prices rise and that's related to supply and demand of gasoline," he said.

He explained that although there is a connection between the two, gas prices have their own supply and demand. "They are somewhat linked in that crude is a component cost in gasoline production. So the prices that you have for crude, you are going to see it show up at the pump. (but) it's not one-for-one," he said.

"Come spring time gas prices rise. Regardless of what's happening with crude because it's related to the fact that refined product, refined gasoline is a different commodity with its own supply and demand in spring and summer, those are your peak demand seasons," he added.

With this area so heavily impacted by oil prices the Western Review reached out to see how residents are feeling during this time.

"Everyone is so excited for these 'low' gas prices at the pump but what they don't realize is every time they drop the more the 'oilfield' jobs suffer," said Sandra May. "Rolling through the Western Review Facebook page, 'Right now everyone is saying it's just affecting the oilfield but soon it will be chain affect. Hopefully before that happens prices are back up. One can wish.'"

"People have to realize it's not just oilfield workers who could lose jobs. It's everyone from restaurants, stores and everything else," said Deb Dusterhoft on the same forum.

Mahan is positive that the area will conquer the situation and rise up.

"I would just like to say that Brazeau County, Drayton Valley and Hinton and all of our residents who have lived here for many years, we are pretty resilient. We have been through these ups and downs before and I feel very strongly that we will come through pretty damn good again. We tend to deal with all matters and businesses and individuals through we have a down face," she added.

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TOWN OF DRAYTON VALLEY
2015 BY-ELECTION
ELECTION DAY

The Town of Drayton Valley Election will take place as follows:

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2015

Every voting station shall open promptly at 8:30 a.m. and will be kept open continuously until 8:00 p.m.

The voting stations will be located at:
Royal Canadian Legion Hall 5204-51 Avenue, Drayton Valley

INCAPACITATED ELECTOR AT HOME VOTING

If you are physically unable to attend either the advance or election day polls, arrangements can be made for the elector to have two Deputy Returning Officers attend their residence to take their vote during the hours that voting stations are open on election day February 3, 2015

To make arrangements for this service please call the Town office at 780-514-2200.

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Advance voting is open to any person who wishes to vote on that day for any reason whatsoever. The Town of Drayton Valley Advance Vote will take place as follows:

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2015

The voting station will be open

from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The advance voting station will be located at:

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Next Regular meeting of Council
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EARNNetwork focuses on labour training

EARNNetwork
prepares for first
event of 2015

Lesley Allen
Western Review

In 2011 Brazeau County and the Town of Drayton Valley joined together to establish the EARNNetwork (Employee Attraction and Retention Network), a program focusing on building economic development by strengthening local businesses and workers.

Since the introduction of the program, the EARNNetwork has been a variety of events, the latest of which will be taking place on Feb. 16 and will be focusing on labour funding and training opportunities.

"As we all know labour force shortages are common here," shares Wanda Compton, economic development and communications manager for Haysen County. "We're trying to bring on additional staffing."

"We have two presentations for labour force funding," she explains of the upcoming Business Breakfast event. "We're bringing in a NRC (National Research Council) representative and we're bringing in a [provincial] representative, so they'll speak to their funding

programs for labour force funding."

Explaining that the purpose behind the early morning information session is to connect businesses with government funding experts and training providers in order to help them take advantage of existing resources and support training, Compton says it is a benefit to everyone that owns a business.

"It helps their bottom line, any money that they can receive to help train and get the expertly educated workforce only helps them, and we do know that is an initiative here in Brazeau County."

"We're going to have a number of [businesses] around the room, from trainers such as NAIT, SAIT, NorQuest and Red Deer College as well as the Drayton Valley and Community Learning Association, so they're all going to be in the room," says Compton. "For businesses to have to go out and meet with these individual organizations would be time-consuming and costly, so we're bringing all of this to their doorstep."

For the organizers this is the first time they have been able to have such a wide diversity in participants during one business breakfast. Compton says interest in the EARNNetwork has been growing considerably over the years and will continue to grow in the future.

"The partnership has grown," she says. "It's not just Brazeau County and the Town of Drayton Valley, we now have NorQuest Col-

lege, we have Careers Next Generation, we have Alberta Apprenticeship, and Alberta Works sitting around that table as well."

"It's huge. You know yourself the power of networking and getting the message out there, so when we sit around and develop programs that we want to deliver, based on what businesses need, we have all the key players in the room," Compton adds. "It's the synergy of that conversation, it's such a valuable thing that those players take the time to come here and meet with us almost on a monthly basis so we can each then keep each other informed of new programs, new funding opportunities and make that direct relationship to the business community."

With registration for the Business Breakfast cutting off Feb. 3, Compton encourages business owners of all sizes to take the opportunity to connect with and learn about the resources that are available.

Registration for the event costs \$20 a person and can be booked by e-mailing apence@brazeau.ab.ca.

"Register, be there, take this opportunity, take advantage of having all of these people at your disposal under one roof," says Compton.

For more event information contact Evelyn Jacobson at (780) 542-7777, or visit www.brazeau.ab.ca.

Changes on 50 St.

Marilyn Luba
Western Review

The Town of Drayton Valley is executing a plan to purchase a lot and remove it to commercial land for the possible expansion of 50 St., confirms a public document.

A piece of land, part of a bigger lot, is being subdivided by the Town of Drayton Valley with a motion passed to execute the offer to purchase the piece at the Town council meeting on Jan. 7.

The land, legally described as Lot 2, Plan 762 2448, sits at 2211-50 Street, in front of the Pleasantview Mobile Home Park.

The rezoning behind the purchase of the land by the Town of Drayton Valley was conducted in an in-camera session and could not be confirmed. An in-camera session signifies an expectation of the parties involved that certain details not be divulged until certain condi-

tions have been met or milestones have been achieved.

At the last Brazeau County council meeting on Jan. 20, a notice of public hearing was passed to let the adjacent land owners know of the proposed rezoning of the land to allow for road expansion.

Such rezoning would allow for a road expansion and potential for development of commercial businesses similar to those already being developed on 50 St. usually named the public hearing document.

The land that is being subdivided, along with the part that Pleasantview Mobile Home Park sits on, is currently zoned as agricultural land.

The subdivision of the land will go through once conditions have been met, confirmed minutes from the Town Council meeting on Jan. 7.



Brazeau County News

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UPCOMING NEWS & EVENTS

- Regular Council Meeting on February 3rd starting at 9 a.m.
- Municipal Planning Commission Meeting will be on February 10th starting at 10 a.m. in the Council Chamber. Contact the Planning & Development Department at 780-542-2667 for further information.
- ***Dates are subject to change.
- Agricultural Service Board Meeting on February 18th 2015 at 10 a.m. at the County Office.
- ***All Council meetings are held in the Council Chamber and are open to the public.

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BUSINESS BREAKFAST EVENT

Employee Attraction and Retention Network (EARN)
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Labour Force Funding and Training Opportunities

Where: MacKenzie Conference Centre
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When: February 10, 2015
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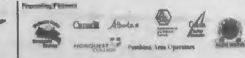
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news

Formal attire welcomed

Formal Wear Affair welcomes new location, dates

The third annual Formal Wear Affair, an event put together by the Aim For Success is back with a different location and an earlier date.

Three Aim For Success members look at collecting items by the community that include dresses, suits, shoes, jewelry etc.

"Support has been overwhelming. A lot of donations. Over 50 dresses from last year and tons of dresses this year," said member Sue Reich.

The members collect donation items and sell it to students from Grade nine to Grade 12 at a discounted rate from \$2 to \$10 with all the proceeds going to Humane Helping Humans.

The event took place in April last year when items were sold but Reich explained that April was a bit too late and some students had already purchased their dresses. Hence the event is being planned for February this year.

"Event is not in April unlike last year. It was too late, so the turnout was low. So we will have it in February this time. Girls had already bought their dresses by April last year," she explained.

"Community has been so generous donating dresses and dress suits," said Reich.

Instead of taking place at HW Pickup School, students can come in to students but agree the graduation time can be stressful for some families.

Reich said the event is open to all students but agrees the graduation time can be stressful for some families.

"Donate so someone can wear it for Graduation and farewell," she said.

She got the idea when she was in Calgary and a similar program was being run there.

"Your donations will help students dress in style for a fraction of a cost, and for a good cause as well," said Reich.

Reich explained all sizes are being accepted, from size zero to 18 for dresses. A wide range of styles are being accepted as well with shorter dresses for Grade 9 girls and longer ones for Grade 12.

Donations are being collected at HW Pickup until Feb. 10 and on Feb. 10 the items will be sold at the Rotary House.



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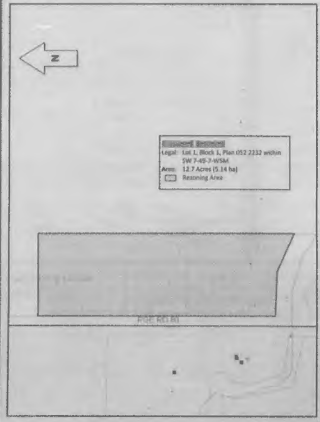
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE that Brazeau County Council has given first reading to Bylaw 859-15 to change the designation of Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 052 2322 within SW 7-45-7-W5M from Agricultural (A6) to Rural Industrial (RI) as shown on the accompanying map. If approved, the change in designation will bring the existing Sand and Salt Storage activities on the parcel into compliance under the Land Use Bylaw.

FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that Brazeau County Council will hold a Public Hearing at which any person claiming to be affected by the proposed redesignation may ask questions or make their views known. The Public Hearing will be held on February 17, 2015 at 10:30 am or as soon thereafter as possible in the Council Chambers of Brazeau County office at 7401 Township Road 494, Drayton Valley, Alberta, T7A 1R1.

Any written submission mailed or delivered to Brazeau County, Box 77, 7401 Township Road 494, Drayton Valley, Alberta, T7A 1R1 or faxed to 780-542-7777 by 4:30 p.m., February 6, 2015, will be included in the Council Report. Written and oral submissions may also be made at the Council meeting without prior notification to Brazeau County. If you make a written submission, the information you provide may be made public subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

A copy of Bylaw 859-15 and the Rural Industrial District (RI) is available for public inspection at the Brazeau County Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. For further information, please contact Planning & Development by telephone (780) 542-2867 or by e-mail at planning@brazeau.ab.ca.



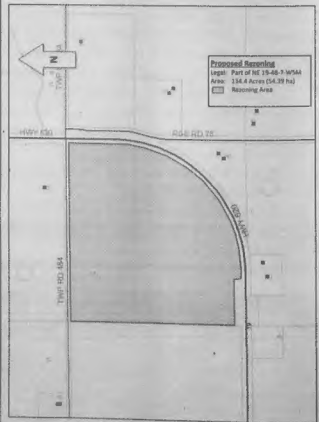
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news



Stolen truck driven into RCMP detachment

Local man faces 10 criminal charges after driving stolen vehicle in RCMP detachment

Larry Wilk
Western Review

36-year-old David Yurkiv is facing 10 criminal charges after driving a stolen truck into the Drayton Valley RCMP detachment on Jan. 21.

Impaired driver on 50 Ave. and 53 St. after they stopped a vehicle for stunting at 11:09 p.m.

RCMP charged another impaired driver just before midnight on Jan. 16, when the individual was stopped after leaving a local restaurant in Drayton Valley.

At 2:49 in the morning on Jan. 18 RCMP received reports of an impaired driver leaving 7-11 and heading north on 50 St. Patrols responded to the call but were unable to locate the suspected vehicle, with information RCMP were able to attend the residence of the vehicle's owner but the individual was not home.

ADULT TRAFFIC

On Jan. 15, just before 7 a.m. RCMP received a report regarding a stolen minivan Chevy half-ton taken from the area of the Drayton Manor apartment building.

A cell phone was reported being seen from a worker at the Drayton Valley Municipal Library on Jan. 15, just after 9 a.m.

RCMP are investigating the theft of gas from a local station after a call came in reporting the incident at 1:50 p.m. on Jan. 16. Staff Sgt. Malcolm Callihoo says that RCMP believe to know who was involved and are doing some follow up work on the incident.

On Jan. 16 at 11:50 p.m. RCMP received a call about someone stalling a dog. According to the call RCMP discovered that the incident was just a misunderstanding and that the dog was going to be returned by the individual who just wanted to make sure the animal was taken care of.

RCMP received a report just before 2 p.m. on Jan. 17 from a local retail store regarding two males that were involved in the theft of items. Officers are currently investigating the incident where it was seen that one male stole a pair of shorts and a bottle of cologne, while the second male was accompanying him.

RCMP received a report from another local business, at 10:16 p.m. on Jan. 19, after an older, between 5' 6" and 5' 8", with a brown mustache and black coat reportedly stole a bottle of alcohol from a store liquor store located on 50 Ave.

On Jan. 18 at 6:45 a.m. the theft of a quad in Cynthia was reported to RCMP. A truck was also entered and gone through in the incident. Police continue to look for the quad that is described as a red 2008 Honda.

On Jan. 19 at 10:45 a.m. RCMP received reports that multiple items were stolen from a well site in Brazeau County. Currently still under investigation, RCMP report that batteries, multiple propane tanks, and approximately 1,000 gallons of fuel was taken.

REPORTED SEX OFFENSES

On Feb. 11 at 11:20 a.m. RCMP received reports that a residence was rigged to be blown up. Responding officers attended the residence, located in the area of RR 73, and discovered that the home was not in danger of exploding. A lone male was arrested on charges of violence related charges.

IRISH JAIL AND ENTRY

On Jan. 15 at 2:50 p.m. RCMP received a report that a travel trailer was broken into at a local car dealership. The RCMP continue to investigate the incident and anyone with information is asked to contact the detachment.

ASSAULT

RCMP continues to investigate an incident where an individual reported that several males confronted him and a fight was started on Jan. 17 around noon at 48 St. and 40 Ave.

On Jan. 20 at 8:23 p.m. RCMP received another report regarding an assault where two males witnessed a domestic dispute between two individuals. Stopping and aiding if the female involved in the incident needed help, the two males gave her a ride to the gas station, away from the scene. The incident is still currently under investigation.

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our editorial Involvement key to change in local community

As communities grow, one of the most important factors in how they change are the residents who call it home. Whether it's for the betterment, or the downfall, how people interact with one another, its facilities, services, and local government, can cause a great shift in how things are run and where they go.

Here in Drayton Valley and Brazeau County we are heading toward a time of great change. So what will be your part in determining which way this community goes? One of the biggest ways residents can impact change is by taking advantage of the fact that we live in a democratic society. With two upcoming by-elections it's important that every citizen get out and practice this very important right, and not leave the future of our communities in the hands of a minority.

But even once ballots have been cast, everyday citizens play an important role in the day to day operation of the community, whether they know it or not.

No form of government, whether it's federal, provincial, or municipal, should be left to its own devices. Government works for the people and telling them what the community wants is a never-ending necessity for citizens.

Attending council meetings is not always possible for many, but following what changes are being proposed and voicing your opinion, is. Write letters, make phone calls, take advantage of the technology available, don't just sit idly by and wait for this to happen. Involvement has a big impact on change but it isn't only in council chambers or municipal offices. How citizens interact with programming determines whether or not services continue, which is once again why it's important for people to get out there and get involved.

Often to keep costs down volunteers are used to make necessary services possible, but if the support isn't there from the people nothing will move forward, valuable programs will be lost, and no matter how much something is needed it will not happen. There has never been a time in our society where community involvement wasn't an ingredient in change. It's not enough to just complain when something happens, or make your opinions known, although those are both important factors, actions speak louder than words.

So as our communities move forward, how will your involvement dictate which direction it goes and what changes are made in its future?

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Manta's Musings
Manta Lulla

Is 2015 over? Because I am certainly feeling quite done with it. As most of you may have heard the news, or maybe you haven't, in which case listen up. By the time you will be reading this edition, I will be the only one left in the editorial department of the paper. I am putting quite the negative spin on it, aren't I?

Let's try putting it in some other way. The junior most staff of the editorial department will soon become the oldest member of the team before she screws things up and is fired from her job. No, that isn't working either, is it? That's not what I intended to say. But my fingers kept typing. I doubt there is a positive spin on it just yet, no matter how I say it.

If you read carefully I have said I will become the oldest member. To be the senior member, to be clear for all those people who have haunted me with questions with whether or not I got promoted, the answer is no. And it will remain so for a couple years, you see. You think it's easy to run a paper? No. That's right. I wouldn't even take the position if it was handed

to me (which it wasn't because that's not how journalism works). A person needs at least three to four years of reporting experience to manage the role of an editor.

Looking back now, the first time I heard all the changes that were taking place I did not react too much. A little bit later, when people started to question me, I suppose, the news sunk in. And I started to welcome my favourite stage: denial. Now, sitting at 11:35 p.m. at night and writing this column I realize that there are a lot of these long nights ahead of me for the next few weeks or so.

I am thinking of ways to not panic, but I know it is lurking around the corner. For all you know, as you are reading this column as I am having an

anxiety attack in the office while the other members in the office are looking for a brown paper bag and maybe an Aspirin. So here's the plan for the next few weeks: 1) You do not mess with me. 2) You do not ask me questions like 'I am getting promoted.' 3) Did I say you do not mess with me? I'll say it again.

I assume my mood for the next couple days will be cranky, grumpy, no time for jokes or just about anything.

Given the above information, I would accept calls to the office with any information that you think is necessary for me for example, call me to an event you think should be part of the paper. Or better yet, take some pictures and send them to me. I do promise to be nice to you if I see you are only trying to help.

Other than that, I am not promising anything. I do swear that the paper will be at your doorstep, like how it always has been, or at least that's what I am aiming for at this point. That seems like a reasonable goal. Let me try to stick with that one for now.

letter to the editor

Unhappy ratepayer encourages residents to attend council

When I opened and read my DV newspaper in December the main thing to take my attention was town council proposing a nine percent increase in our taxes. Wow! What a bill on the many seniors who choose to reside in this town. We are

on a fixed income, but we have received a fifty five cent raise in our old age pension the end of January. I don't know what I'll do with my fifty five cents. I guess I'll have to save it up and use it to pay my tax increase. I will be attending the next town council meeting on Wednesday Jan. 28 at 9 a.m. to voice my concern over the proposed tax increase. Please join me to show your support.

Edwin Stiles

"Editor's note"
During a Dec. 16 meeting Drayton Valley councillors passed an interim budget based on a projected nine per cent municipal tax increase for 2015. If they move ahead, the proposed increase would not be finalized until spring when the final budget is passed.

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Parks Council

The Parks Council is partnering with the Drayton Valley & District Community Learning Association to bring you the 2015 Winter Speaker Series presented by Alberta Parks. The speaker series started Jan. 20, but will be broadcast every Tuesday at 7:00pm until March 24th from Room 4 of NorQuest College. Every Tuesday at 7:00pm, one of our speakers will be in the office to answer your questions. The series is a different speaker from somewhere in Alberta (and one from New Zealand). Topics being covered during this year's speaker series all have a link to community or land - which is something that many, if not all of us, can relate to.

When I first read the list of topics, there was definitely a few that stood out to me and made me get giddy (I know not everyone is a nature nut like me, but there seriously are some really cool topics!). The first topic that caught my eye was regarding cougars in Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park. Being from Saskatchewan and now living in Alberta, this provincial park and I have something in common with sharing both provinces. I also have a fascination with large cats (reminiscent of my 1986 when I was 13 and my e-mail address was blackpanther130) and had dreams of studying large cats like cougars one day. Studies are currently being held within the Cypress Hills region, including

the interprovincial park, to assess and better understand this majestic species. What has been concluded is that the Cypress Hills region contains the highest density of cougars in North America - almost 6 cougars/100 square kilometers. Cougars have been spotted within the Eagle Point-Blue Rapids park system, but are definitely nowhere near that density. The presentation on Feb. 10 by Peter Swain regarding the cougars in Cypress Hills will not only discuss how the interprovincial park is co-existing with this species, but will also touch on cougar biology and managing potential conflicts with cougars.

The second topic that really peaked my interest is the one being presented on March 10th by Max and Julie Winkler. In 1960, Max and Julie packed up their 10-week-old son and ventured out to the Jasper National Park backcountry where Max was a park warden. During this presentation they will share their tales of chasing poachers and raising their

family in a small backcountry cabin. I can't even imagine what it would be like taking my 16 month old daughter and husband to live in the backcountry now, let alone doing it back in 1960. Don't get me wrong, there are many days I would love to go off the grid and live off the land in the backcountry somewhere, but I don't think I would honestly be capable of doing it for a prolonged period of time. This story excites me and gets my imagination running. I can only envision all the amazing lessons living in the backcountry taught them and I think it shaped them to be the people they are today.

The Parks Council will be presenting Mar. 24. We will be discussing our partnerships with local schools on different environmental projects and why we think it is important to expose youth to the outdoors at a young age. So for those of you who join us on this night, you won't have to watch the presentation being televised via video conference - you get the real deal in front of you! And like I mentioned before, this is a FREE speaker series open to the public. Make sure to check out all the presentation topics which can be found on our website at ephparksandcouncil.org and on our Facebook page. Choose which one, two, or join us on Tuesdays at 7pm and 9pm at NorQuest College from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.



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Candidate wants to bring new opportunities to residents

During the lifetime that I have spent as a Drayton Valley resident I have come to know many aspects of our community. From a child to a student, to a coach, to a newspaper reporter, to a mental health worker and educator and now as an Executive Director for the Drayton Valley Community Foundation, I hear recurring themes and issues by community residents.

If elected I will work to:

- Promote economic growth and continue to build on town supported social, recreation and cultural programs.
- Improve access to housing.
- Link town residents with information about the full spectrum of what our town has to offer.
- Increase post-secondary opportunities in both quality and quantity.

Our town has done very well accessing grant dollars from federal or provincial granting programs, but as our financial climate makes these revenue

people less reliable it becomes the work of municipalities to find ways to provide key care for its citizens. The need to support economic growth, development and adding business is the key to sustaining a town supported social, recreation and cultural programs.

Personally I find the term "affordable housing" confusing. Are we talking municipal run affordable housing programs or housing that is financially feasible? If elected I aim to improve access to housing. Our community needs housing and rental accommodations.

My husband and I live in financially affordable housing in fact we live in one of the oldest houses in Drayton Valley. It is an 800 sq. ft. bungalow; most of my neighbours are seniors or first time home buyers. As market inventory grows to accom-



Brandy Fredrickson

modate the different ages and stages of life, vacancies in mature neighbourhoods like mine will create affordable housing opportunities.

Furthermore, we need to link our residents with the full spectrum of what is available in this town: recreation, education and social services are all things that our community has in abundance.

My vision is that the Town website, phone app, and administration building become a one stop shop for new residents wanting to know about an event, a program, recreation destinations or education opportunities.

Let's talk education.

After I graduated high school I took a year off to save money.

At this time I was extremely fortunate to also complete several university level courses, right here at our Pembina Education Consortium (now Noyes College) and I was able to do it while working. Being able to access these programs allowed me to carry on my post-secondary ambitions in Edmonton both, mentally prepared and financially well off.

Continued education is often linked to increased quality of life and pay. We need more post-secondary education opportunities

in Drayton Valley and we need to keep raising the bar in the quality and quantity of what is being offered.

I know this town. I have lived here. I have reported on the stories, I have set on committees and I have been immersed in the events.

If elected to council I will continue to be an ear in the community. I will work with the community to create "Made in Drayton Valley Solutions" and seek ways to continue to raise our community profile.

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Brazeau County prepares for by-election

Council set
by-election
for Mar. 23

Lesley Allen
Western Review

Following the resignation of former Brazeau County Reeve Pat Vos in the fall of 2014, County council was faced with having to hold a by-election to fill the position. During the Jan. 20 regular council meeting, multiple motions were passed that impacted the future of the by-election, including when it will be held.

When councillors went over the information available to them there were several different factors that played into when they would be able to set the date for the upcoming by-election.

Going through the information with administration, it was deemed important to plan the schedule of the upcoming process backwards to ensure that everything would be able to fit from the Mar. 23 date that council ultimately selected.

"We received the extension until March 30, 2015 by Minister McQueen of Municipal Affairs, so we work backwards from there with what the absolute latest date we can have the election, but we're also looking at the services, as far as corporate services, at some dates where we might have a little bit more availability to get stuff done," explained Brenda Christie, director of corporate services.

"But council picked the election day, then nomination day must be four weeks prior to (that), so you work backwards from there knowing that you have to allow time for advertising."

"The notice of nomination day has to be in the paper two weeks prior to nomination day, then are decisions that are legislated in the Local Authorities Election Act. So we need to make sure that we can meet all those deadlines," she added.

With no election possible without residents willing to put their names forward to run, after the election day, one of the most important dates for

voters to be aware of is nomination day.

"Nomination is very key and it will be on Feb. 23," says Christie. "We'll accept nominations from 10 a.m. until noon at the County office, and really that's the first key date because that's when we officially know who's running and if we will in fact we'll have an election."

"As for the advanced vote, we will have to see what hall availability is like and choose the dates from that," she stated. "Nomination day, then advance voting, and then the election day itself are the key ones for voters."

PRINTING BYLAW
Prior to setting the by-election date Christie had council look at passing a printing bylaw, but council asked to set the date before looking at anything else.

Once the date was set council returned to the proposed bylaw 858-15 Printing Ballots in Loos, which had to be passed no later than two months prior to an election if they are to be printed in lots.

"So there are things that we're required to do by bylaw and things that we can do by resolution," explained Christie. "Section 43 of the Local Authorities Election Act speaks to that the candidates names on each ballot shall be arranged alphabetically in order of surnames. Notwithstanding that section, if an elected authority passes a bylaw, two months before an election, that provides that the ballots be printed in as many lots as there are candidates for office. And that gives the name of each candidate appears the same number of times [in different orders]."

According to Christie, this is an important step in the voting process because it ensures that candidates' names are equally placed in different orders, something that can be impacted by the voting ballots that those involved in elections have seen.

"What people will do in an election is they'll just select the first name of the last name because if they don't know you they will just go down the list," shared Christie, who has previously acted as a returning

officer in elections. "If you ever do election counting you'll see that sometimes they just vote for every other one."

Once candidates' names are known and the official list is available on Feb. 24 the bylaw and the list of names is sent to the printers and the ballots are prepared. This, however, would not occur in the case of acclamation, where there is only one nominee and they automatically take the position of Brazeau County Reeve.

SPECIAL BALLOTS
Due to the short turn around with the by-election, Christie emphasizes the importance of people to be aware of their schedules and whether or not they will be in the area for election day, or advanced polls.

Although advanced poll dates have not yet been set, residents have the option of registering for a special ballot that would allow them to cast their vote whether they are out of the area or incapacitated.

"We have a lot of people that go away for the winter and they can request a special ballot. So what we would do is take their name and information and would mail them a special ballot package," said Christie. "We can mail them out prior to nomination day and then they just write in the names and then mail it back and those are put into a separate ballot box for special ballots and opened up at close of election day when the other counting takes place."

"So this gives people that might go to Palm Springs or Phoenix for the winter the opportunity to vote," she added. "With a fall elections there are not as many people away but at this time of year there are a lot of people away."

This year council also made the decision that has not been done in the past, choosing to discontinue the incapacitated voters option and make the special ballot available to those who require this service.

"With the incapacitated vote you have to have two members, deputy returning officers, drive to each location and you have to have separate ballot boxes for them to deposit the ballots in," explained Christie, who says why staff recommended just going with a special bal-

lot. "So there's a lot of travel involved and plus people have to book an appointment with you as to what time you can attend the residence, where with a special ballot they have it mailed to their house and then they can just mail it back whenever they want, as long as it gets to us before the close of election day. It gives them more opportunity to vote rather than just one specific day at one specific time."

According to Christie during the last election only two residences were visited as part of the incapacitated vote with three ballots being cast in total. With the size of the county this can prove to be a lot of work, which will be made easier for everyone by just using the special ballots.

RETURNING OFFICER
Another important part of the election process is the returning officer that is hired to ensure that everything is done properly and runs smoothly. During the Jan. 20 council meeting councillors passed a motion to hire Devina Palmer the title, one of two people who had applied for the position.

"Her experience was a factor," said Christie, as to why administration recommended Palmer for the job. "She's worked provincial elections before and she worked the last municipal election as a deputy returning officer. The services she was willing to provide for the price that she quoted us was also a factor."

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Randy Rye

I have been married 36 years, I have three children and eight grandkids, three and one on the way. Six of my grandchildren live here in the Drayton Valley area or in town and this is one of the reasons I want to add to our community in the way of serving as a town councillor.

There is a proverb that says "a good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children". A good citizen is to add to this amazing community the gifts and strengths that I can bring to the table so that my grandchildren will have an amazing place for their children to be raised.

As a Pastor, a business owner, leader in the community and internationally, I will bring a well rounded perspective

to business and social needs that will add to our existing Town and Town council needs.

Embracing development is key to a healthy and thriving community, with development comes an increased tax base to reduce the tax increases on the existing home owner and business owner.

Embracing a diversified economy is also key to a thriving community, we can never underestimate the value and growth to our community that the oil industry brings, but at the same time we need to embrace other industry and technology to our community.

The Bio Mile initiative and foundation is well founded and I will bring a well rounded perspective to further local and

regional economy. There is technology along with companies that would add to our already thriving community.

The theme in our Community is "pulling together" and that is something that I believe is key in the future of a fully functioning and thriving Town and County relationship, where we work in harmony with one another, as individuals or a community, everyone prosper.

One of my strengths is working with people and a community is not all about the physical structures that are in a community but in fact the community is the individuals and families living in the community. There are solutions to every challenge and that is something I believe I can bring to the table.

My promise to our amazing Town is, I will do everything I can to move our community forward in a safe, healthy and prosperous future, where that my grandchildren and the people of Drayton Valley know we will want to raise their children in.

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County discontinues funding to Tourism Society

► Brazeau Regional Tourism Society is starting the process to shut down

Lesley Allan
Western Review

Tourism within Drayton Valley and Brazeau County has once experienced a shift in operation as the Brazeau Regional Tourism Society (BRTS) begins the process of shutting down its operation, following Brazeau County council's decision to no longer fund the organization.

"We made the decision that the County couldn't justify spending another \$56,000 for the Brazeau Regional Tourism Society in a year where we're already working towards regional collaboration on tourism with the Town of Drayton Valley, and the Village of Breton," explains Acting Reeve Shirley Mahan.

Highlighting that the BRTS had also received the resignation of its executive director and treasurer, Mahan says the time was right for the reorganization to shut down and have municipalities take the lead in attracting visitors and promoting local opportunities.

In early 2013 the Town of Drayton Valley had stepped back and discontinued funding the BRTS, which included the operation of the visitor information centre located down by the Omplex. Since then the County has been the sole funding body but even with these funds the society struggled.

Despite this Mahan

believes tourism will not suffer with the closure of the information centre because she believes many people know the area prior to visiting it.

"Everybody knows in this day and age, with technology, research shows that everybody does research online before they even go over the to an area," she says. "We have a new website now, and a Facebook site, for the Brazeau Regional Tourism and it's just launched so our role is going to be to manage that marketing and proceed with the regional tourism strategy."

With nothing set in stone as to what regional tourism will look like between the three municipalities, Mahan says they will continue to work together with the goal of having something in operation as soon as possible.

"Our biggest thing is to get it up and running as soon as possible, but so far there is no real plan on what we're going to do other than have the website and the Facebook page."

Confident in what the change will mean for tourism in the area, Brazeau County Economic Development and Communication Manager Wanda Compton added that the County appreciates all the hard work volunteers did with the BRTS.

"This is taking tourism to the next level," she says. "The BRTS had very much fulfilled their mandate; they first started off to support local operations and the visitor information centre. Since that time in recent years we know that council wants to grow regional tourism, so it's basically taking

things to the next level."

"Council commends the BRTS for all their hard work," she continues. "They are a volunteer board who put their heart and soul into it. They're not looking at it as something that has been lost, it's a win-win. They realize that they want to also see tourism grow in the area but they're not the vehicle to do that, so the vehicle to do that is looking at a regional tourism authority."

Involving more than just the municipalities, Compton says working collaboratively will allow all partners to focus in on their individual strength, while recognizing the benefit of working together.

"We obviously know our strengths," she says. "With Brazeau County that's the outdoor wilderness and adventure, and looking at targeting that weekend visitor."

"The Town of Drayton Valley and the Hotel Association have their strengths with somebody coming from Edmonton for the weekend out utilizing the adventure and the trails and whatnot within Brazeau County, but at the end of the day they want to come in and they want to stay in a nice hotel and take in a dinner and that's in the Town of Drayton Valley," she continues. "So that's why the synergy in the collaboration with the regional authority is now where the County's putting its focus."

For more information on the closure of the BRTS and the collaborative work that will be taking place visit www.brazeautourism.ca, or call (780) 542-7777.



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A woman who was in custody and appeared in Drayton Valley Provincial Court via CCTV was charged with possession of stolen property over \$5,000, and possession of methamphetamine for the purpose of trafficking.

On Jan. 20 the court heard that Drayton Valley RCMP received a complaint of a stolen truck on Oct. 7, 2014. RCMP made patrols and found Paige Ziegler to be in possession of the truck. The RCMP saw her come out of a residence and drive away in the truck. Upon her arrest it was discovered that she was in possession of the drug and other drug paraphernalia. Her cell phone confirmed vari-

ous text messages that proved she was dealing. She was found in possession of five grams of the drug in a zip lock bag.

Ziegler's lawyer told the court that the woman was pleading an early guilty plea and she has been in custody since Dec. 1. The woman had a job when not in custody and wanted to pursue business or interior design.

A request was made to the judge to give her a federal sentencing, so she could make use of the resources available in federal custody.

Judge Marilyn White accepted her guilty plea and the request and hoped she would make use of the resources to her academic success.

"Meth is an extremely addictive drug and people engage in crime to get their hands on it. It is necessary to separate you from the society. I am hoping through federal sentencing you will make use of the (available) resources," said White.

Ziegler was sentenced to two years for possession of stolen property and two years for possession of controlled

substance to be served concurrently.

COULDN'T WAIT TO GET TOWN WITH

Jeffrey Butler appeared in Drayton Valley Provincial Court via CCTV from the Edmonton Remand Centre with two allegations of breaching conditions.

When given a chance to speak Butler said he would like to, "Head out, I'll can't get bail."

The court then heard that between Oct. 9 and 15 he failed to comply with probationary conditions whereby he didn't report to his probationary officer like he was required to. Butler pled guilty to the charge.

Another charge included failed to be at a residence in February 2014, to which he also pled guilty.

The court heard that on Oct. 10, when the RCMP contacted his residence, his father did not know who he was, whereas neither did he know of

a way to get in touch with him.

His prior record included a break and enter charge, two counts of theft under \$5,000, and failing to comply.

The duty counsel told the court he has two children and his plans are to stay in Drayton Valley with his sister, once he was released. Butler had been in custody for 12 days while requesting credit for 18 days.

When Judge Marilyn White asked him to speak, he said he would like to get this over with as there are people depending on him. White sentenced him for 90 days with 74 days left to serve.

PROBATIONARY AMITY

On Jan. 20 the Drayton Valley Provincial Court heard Erik Meyer, was charged with operating a motor vehicle

with no insurance.

On Oct. 8 Meyer was caught driving uninsured when asked to stop for an improper licence plate. He confessed to driving the motor vehicle without insurance.

Meyer's record showed that he had to similar charges laid against him in 2011 and 2012, making this latest incident his third offence.

Judge Marilyn White confirmed she did not know if he was fined on the charge in 2012, as a result of which his fine was reduced to \$5,000 with a surcharge of \$750 running consecutive to each other.

"I recommend you get insurance because it will keep going higher and higher," said White.

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Strengthening business through marketing

Women In Business hosts night of education

Martha Latta
Western Review

A networking session for women took place last week where along with making new contacts participants learned about marketing. "They will be providing them, the background and foundation as to what is a marketing plan, difference between marketing versus sales, versus branding," said Economic Development and Communications Manager Wendy Cameron.

The quarterly event started in 2013, carried on actively in 2014 and has a made a comeback in the new year.

"It's very important to our community, if we didn't have women in business we probably wouldn't have a lot of business going on. When you actually look at our downtown core or anywhere it's run by women. There are no men in that kind of business," said Acting Business Development Manager.

The topic, Marketing my Business was chosen for the event, with presentations given by Cameron and two local female entrepreneurs.

"When we first launched the Women In Business Network we did focus groups, research and follow up. We did Survey Monkey research with our network and we again based our program delivery based on what is needed by female entrepreneurs out there to help support them. And of course social media



Women were settled into their seats on the night of Jan. 20 at Lakeview Inn for a night of presentations, learning and some networking.

marketing, accounting, financial management that sort of thing was needed. So it was a follow up to event we did in fall, social media, we are following up with marketing my business," explained Cameron.

Mahon, who has been an entrepreneur herself for 26 years says it is more difficult today to open a business than it was years ago.

"I would just like to say thank you have the women who are willing to take that leap and open their retail businesses. Because without those women I can guarantee you we are not getting to have very many businesses

period. Women are more likely to go into business with a passion of loving the business not of making big dollars," she explained. "You pretty much have to take the big leap and say 'okay I am going to go into debt of X number of dollars' go find yourself a place to be and start trying to recoup those costs etc. So I think it's a little bit harder right now, so it's wonderful to have these marketing tools and women in business so that they can learn from other people who have gone that road and gain some knowledge because otherwise it's just not as easy," added Mahon.

McClure steps away from WRSD

Martha Latta
Western Review

Wild Rose School Division Chairperson, Nancy McClure resigned from her position at the Jan. 20 meeting due to health and family life.

A new chairperson, Mae Tryon, was appointed at the meeting and will fill in as acting chairperson.

Vice Chairperson, Dixie McLeod has also made her intentions of resigning clear at the meeting due to career and professional demands. McLeod plans to stay put until the search for the superintendent is complete.

For both of them it's unfortunate. The two of them have set the bar high. Their lives changed so they would not be able to give their best. So instead of giving three quarters of jobs, step aside and give someone else the chance," said superintendent Brian

Celli, who will be retiring later this year.

"It is with much sadness that I forward this resignation letter to the Board of Wild Rose School Division effective January 20, 2015. Due to changes in my personal, health and family life I feel I am no longer able to fulfill my role as the board Chairperson and Trustee," read McClure's resignation.

Tryon appreciated all the work put in by both outgoing members.

"Both Nancy and Dixie served in their roles with an incredible amount of vision, inspiration and dedication in the last five years and I want to thank each of them," said Tryon in a release. "In particular the work Nancy McClure did as Chairperson to focus on improving the life chances of each student in the care of WRSD was truly admirable and I look forward to contribu-

ting this work."

Celli confirmed the school division doesn't have an exact date for by-election yet, but he hopes it would be late April or early May.

"We will have to hold a by-election. We are still partway into our term. There is no loss of time," he said.

He advises those who would be interested in running to keep in touch with the office and keep tabs on the school website.

There will be orientation that will help candidates know about the position and any other questions they may have.

"I am hoping there is interest among people because it will be interesting time in education in Alberta for the next three to four years. It will be challenging and engaging," he said.

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600-699	\$2.40 - \$2.88	\$2.30 - \$2.65	
500-599	\$2.90 - \$3.30	\$2.40 - \$2.90	
400-499	\$3.00 - \$3.55	\$2.60 - \$3.10	
300-399	\$3.10 - \$3.70	\$2.85 - \$3.30	
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Young Cows		\$1.25 - \$1.55	
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On behalf of the Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry, University of Alberta, we wish to extend this note of thanks to the physicians and other health professionals in rural communities who have supported the education of our medical learners throughout the past year. Despite healthcare challenges faced throughout rural and regional Alberta, these teams continue to rise to the challenge of supporting their communities and looking toward the future.

Their dedication is greatly appreciated.

We also extend our gratitude to the community as a whole, who welcomes these learners and exposes them to the richness of rural life. Without your kindness and acceptance, our learners would not have received as memorable an experience. Thank you for supporting our future physicians!

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Making the ski hill more accessible this year

Ski hill is getting ready for Family Day

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The Drayton Valley Brazeau Snow Club has been working to make available a tube lift at the ski hill with a hope that it would be ready to go for Family Day.

With the installation of a tube lift, the ski hill would be better accessible even for those who may not be in the best physical shape.

"We have installed a tube lift but unfortunately we had a few difficulties with the motor so we are waiting for replacement parts," said vice president of Drayton Valley Brazeau Snow Club Marilyn Kos-Horton. "But we are hoping to have it up and running before Family Day event that will let users access the hill for a lower cost than normal. Current prices vary depending on age and the rate went up by a couple dollars this season."

She said with the installation of the tube lift the ski hill will be equipped to cater for every individual's needs.

"Because with the tube lift there, no matter what your fitness level is, you can get in the tube and ride it to the top. So basically grandpa and

grandma can take the kids. Somebody who has not had a lot of physical activity for a while can take the kids, and as a family you can enjoy winter days. That's pretty amazing," said Kos-Horton.

The hill looks after all individuals even now, but this way they can cater to their needs on their own.

"People can tube now but they have to walk up the hill or if we have a ski-doo available then we pull them up the hill. This way they can do it on their own. It takes them up to the top," she added.

The ski hill has also had the addition of a new building to store snow cat (a machine that grooms the hill), as the previous one had collapsed due to a lot of snow.

"This way it's locked away and it's always ready to go. You can store all the stuff you need for the snow cat in there," explained Kos-Horton.

Currently hill is preparing for a Family Day event that will let users access the hill for a lower cost than normal. Current prices vary depending on age and the rate went up by a couple dollars this season.

"In this economy now, we still want to offer entertainment that people can afford and activities they can afford. We are not trying

to make a fortune, we are just trying to pay for the upkeep," she said.

The club is a volunteer organization, and has about three members there on any given day. Kos-Horton explained the hill needs eight volunteers on any given day, hence the need for more volunteers.

Often on school nights, children come and make use of the ski hill.

"That's what we are trying to do there. We are giving the kids an alternative. They can stay at home, watching TV, playing video games, or they are hanging out at the ski hill with their friends and being physically active. This past Tuesday night (Jan. 20) we had 60 kids," she added.

Children who use the hills are reminded to follow the rules on premises.

"They don't understand why they are asked to stay on track on the T-Bar and the reason is every time it details then the T-Bar isn't operating. And we end up having people to repair it. It puts a lot of people out, because nobody can use the T-Bar it might be three four hours, it might be down for the rest of the day," she said.

She encourages both children and adults to ask why certain rules are in place.



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With the hope of offering the best service possible volunteers with the Drayton Valley Brazeau Snow Club offer area residents the opportunity to ski, snowboard, tube, and toboggan.



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Ski Patrol is bringing some learning in Spring

Ski Patrol looks for local volunteers interested in new skills

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Canadian Ski Patrol - Drayton Valley Zone is getting a course ready for April that will train teens over 16 and adults in first aid, team leadership skills while being part of a nationwide organization.

The 40-hour course will teach safety on the slopes, plus the skills can be used in other places such as the work place or at school.

"Not many know that it's recognized by occupational health and safety, as an advanced first aid," explained president of the Drayton Valley Zone Neila Molzan.

The course is for people who are 16 years of age and over, that want to be trained in Advanced First Aid, learn team and leadership skills. The course is a first step for those interested in being part of the Canadian Ski Patrol. The second stage involves learning more skills for the hills.

Come April, s-learning will be introduced as well so people who are joining the course will have the opportunity to learn face-to-face and online.

"We are hoping to have it for our April start date so people can do it online, and in class too. It would be on weekends to hope fully work in with peoples schedules, as we are a volunteer organization," said Molzan.

Youngmen come out on top with needed win

Western Review

A much needed win came in handy for the DV Youngmen against the Serbian White Eagles in the last couple minutes of the game with a final score of 5-4.

A tough opponent and a rival for the local team showed it were in need

of points coming off with a high tempo and hunger, while the Eagles came out flat. "A few early shots showed a shaky keeper on the other end. Serbia struck first though, but we continued to play the ball deep and tied it shortly after. The same line scored their next shift out to give us the lead," said Youngmen spokes-

man Brad Kelly. The score was 2-1 going into half time. The fight continued for a while in the favour of the Youngmen, who were wearing Serbia down. "Our top line answered the call a third time for a much needed goal to settle the nerves," said Kelly.

With the keeper keeping the game in

the team's favour the Youngmen were leading 4-2 with 10 minutes left. "Our defence didn't make the easy play and were caught to give the White Eagles life," said Kelly. With four minutes remaining Serbian team players caught on, and tied with the Youngmen for a third time on a penalty shot, but a draw

wouldn't have proved the results the Youngmen needed. The last few minutes were crucial for the Youngmen giving them what they wanted. "We put on some energy players and scored with just under two minutes left. Serbia were all over us but we held on for a huge three points," said Kelly.



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Delicious dishes put former resident on small screen

A woman originally from Drayton Valley is one of 50 finalists on MasterChef Canada

Western Review

A woman from Drayton Valley, who now lives in Vernon, B.C., has been chosen to be one of the finalists on season two of MasterChef Canada.

Jennifer Innis, who was raised in the community of Drayton Valley, recently filled out an application, went to an audition in Vancouver and stood in front of the judges in Toronto to see if she would win the white apron.

"Oh I don't think there's words for it. It was pretty exciting," she said last week of the experience and the opportunity.

Innis, who is a dental hygienist by profession, is a home cook and plans to own a grilled cheese food truck someday.

The process to MasterChef included going to Vancouver for an audition and then to Toronto. She made mini pies with strawberries and a chocolate crust, a blueberry and basil and a third pie with a standard white crust.

"I am known for my crust," she said. "So that one had a chocolate crust. And it was the first time I made that and it was awesome. The chef liked it the best."

Being from the Okanagan area, Innis said she uses fresh ingredients in her cooking.

"The dishes have to reflect who you are," she said about the competition.

"Jennifer auditioned in Vancouver and she had a lot of fun and personality, but a lot of it was her food," said Meredith Veas, senior casting director with Proper Television, a production company involved with MasterChef Canada.

A total of 50 finalists were chosen to take part in the competition that will hit the small screen early this year. "The way it works, 50 home cooks [create] something, they

have one hour, and three judges taste and decide who gets the white apron and the white apron is the key to be in the show," she explained.

Innis confirmed making pies was difficult in one hour but she made some changes.

"If I make a pie, in one hour they [judges] would get soup. So I made modifications. I still wanted them to taste my best," she added.

Innis has competed in another competition a few years ago, called Recipe to Riches, in which she came in the third place. She explained her experience with the MasterChef was completely different.

"I came in third. [It was my] first time, I ventured out. Just the whole process, it kind of left a bad taste in my mouth. I doubted my abilities. MasterChef is completely different.

Everyone, the competitors want you to succeed," she said.

"For me whether they liked me, it's the critiquing, their validation to let me know where I stand. So having to cook for someone who is not your family critique your food," she added.

For Innis the reason to enter MasterChef Canada was not just for the experience, but the hope to win the \$100,000 that can go a long way to owning the food truck she has always dreamed of and after the pressure in Toronto, she has felt nothing but confident about her dream.

"There's so much that comes from it too. It caps a different area of you. Going to an audition in Toronto, it's the pressure you haven't felt before."

When asked whether or not she won the white apron, Innis laughs and says to watch the show that starts on Feb. 8.



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Jennifer Innis, who is originally from Drayton Valley but currently resides in Vernon, B.C., is one of 50 finalists on MasterChef Canada. She will be competing on CTV on Feb. 8.

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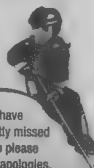
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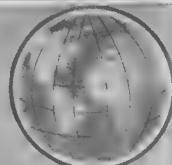


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The Drayton Valley Outdoor Rink received a donation of \$5,000 from Scotty's on the south end of the town, recently. Curtis Buchan (left) from the outdoor rink accepted the cheque from the owner and the employees who work there.

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DVCF adds new step to granting process

Aiming to make the program for all community members looking to apply for the grant program

With the goal of providing the best service possible, as well as promote successful applicants, the Drayton Valley Community Foundation (DVCF) is now offering a new step to their granting process that aims to make the process easier for everyone.

New to the 2015 granting process, DVCF is asking organizations interested in applying for a grant through the local group to submit a letter of inquiry prior to completing a grant application.

"As we evolve to providing more grants for the community we're always looking at ways to improve our customer service," shares DVCF Executive Director Brandy Fredrickson. "This year what we've done, which is new from last year, we're asking community groups to give us a letter of inquiry rather than getting them to fill out a full application, [which] does require quite a bit of paper

work. So before asking them to do that we're asking them to give us a letter with it a bit of a budget idea, concept of what it is they're asking for money for so we can see if we have endowment funds that would [be appropriate]."

"This is basically just a Cole's Notes version of what the full application would be looking for," she adds.

According to Fredrickson this new step for the DVCF is a common practice during many provincial and federal granting programs and allows for the foundation to ensure all necessary information is available, which is a benefit to the client.

"It allows us to begin the conversation with community groups to let them know if there are any holes that we're seeing, kind of allows our volunteers to tell them go ahead and fill out the application," she says. "So this is kind of a new direction for the community foundation but it's setting us up so we can provide better communication and better community service."

With a Feb. 28 deadline for the inquiry letters, Fredrickson also says that this extra step means that it makes the selection process easier for the volunteers that sit on the board as the old process had them sifting through a lot of information with no opportunity to get extra feedback from applicants.

"Typically we had applica-

tions in by June 30 and we only have a couple months, July and August, to see if those applications match [available] funds and then let people know," she explains. "Usually we try to have that information out by September, so it was a very short time span and in the event an application was very good, but was missing some important points, it didn't allow us that time frame to go back and talk to them."

"So this way we're having a longer lead up to it [application deadline] which allows us to ask those questions beforehand," Fredrickson continues. "We have to keep in mind that our granting is done by a volunteer committee so it's not like we're meeting every day to field these applications, so this is kind of allows our volunteers to have a little bit more lead time leading up to her granting cycle."

With the goal of helping out the community as much as possible, the DVCF began in 2002 and since then has helped out a wide range of organization that benefit both the local community, as well as the international.

"We typically grant projects that will benefit the community as a whole, so we're looking for projects that cast a large net in the community," says Fredrickson.

"We're looking for projects

that have done their due diligence in figuring out whether it's going to be visible in the community," she adds. "Is it going to be something that's going to benefit community as a whole? Is it something that they themselves have already taken

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Organizations interested in more information about available grants and what should be provided within the letters of inquiry are encouraged to visit www.dvcf.org, or call Fredrickson at (780) 514-2200.

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Four things not to overlook when planning a wedding

Import things not to lose site of during planning

wedding gifts," says Shirley Perchoma with Western Financial Group. "While most people don't realize it, these are insurable items and, so it's worth contacting your provider to make sure that doesn't equal your big day."

Take Care of Your Home
Typically, weddings are a tale of two venues - the official and the personal. Likely, at least some of the occasion will take place at your home, whether it be a meal beforehand, an after-party, or simply out-of-town guests staying over.

Unbeknownst to you have prepared for this by stockpiling the fridge, laying out the linens, and cutting a few extra keys. But have you thought of everything? For instance, as with any event you are legally responsible for your guests and their behaviour, so you want to seek out a specialty insurance package, which will safeguard you against any unforeseen accidents or mishaps.

Wedding Rings are a Big Investment than You Think
With the high cost of engagement rings and wedding bands, the thought of losing either is a justified fear. Sure, you will always take extra care of them, but a lot can happen on your honeymoon or in your home. Though you will never be able to avoid the high emotional cost

of losing a ring, you can protect yourself from financial vulnerability by adding them to your contents and travel insurance, should anything go wrong, you can replace them expeditiously.

Prepare for the Unexpected
Even the simplest plans face difficulties, and a wedding presents a different scenario entirely. What if something goes awry, such as a sudden emergency, a travel interruption, or any other incident or occurrence that will cause you to cancel at the last minute? Will you lose everything you've already invested?

"Any major undertaking comes with its own set of risks, yet there are many steps you can take to protect yourself," Perchoma points out. "And one of those is talking to an insurance broker."

With all of the thought, planning, and emotion that goes into a wedding, you want to know that you are fully protected against unexpected surprises. By following this advice, you can concentrate on the thing that really matters: having an unforgettable day. Additional information on insurance for your wedding day is available at www.westernfinancialgroup.com.

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How to successfully negotiate with wedding vendors

Before signing, find out if there is room for negotiation with wedding vendor pricing

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The average wedding tends to be one of the most costly ventures in a couple's life together. Many couples seek ways to cut costs, and negotiating with prospective vendors is one way to do just that. Too often couples overlook haggling for better prices because they may be intimidated by the process or simply want to plan the most memorable day regardless of cost. Many vendors build some wiggle room into their prices, and the key for cost-conscious couples is to find the right strategy to unlock that lower price.

Explore your options
Weddings are big business for vendors, and the competition is stiff. Visit a variety of vendors and compare their services and prices prior to making any decisions. This will give you an accurate range of costs and information for

future negotiations. Vendors may be willing to match competitors' prices, so knowing what the photographer down the street charges can provide you with some negotiating leverage.

Dress modestly for meetings
It's tempting to want to dress to impress, but very often wedding vendors judge potential clients by their appearances. If you walk in with a designer handbag and driving the latest model luxury vehicle, a vendor may get the impression you have extra money to spend. While you do not have to play the pauper, dress modestly so your appearance doesn't hurt you at the negotiating table.

Never take the first offer
A good business person will tell you there always is room for negotiation. Avoid the loaded question of "What can you spend on this?" by the vendor. Instead, let them bring up a price first, and realize that this first quote can almost always be negotiated down. Inform the vendor that you would really like to work with them but he or she needs to lower the price. See if they can offer a different package or provide a discount.

Negotiate the big-ticket items first.
Discounts on big-ticket items, such as the reception venue, will save you the most money. For example, you will save more by getting 20 percent off at the catering hall than if you save 20 percent on your wedding gown. Once you free up extra money, you may find you don't have to negotiate as hard with smaller vendors.

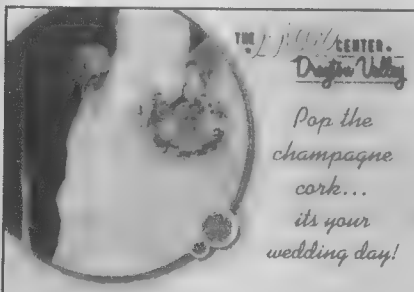
Walk away if need be
Always have a Plan B in place. This way if you tell a vendor that their price is too expensive and you have to pass, you really have a fall-back option. Some vendors will sweeten the deal, but others will actually let you walk out the door. And remember, you're more likely

to get a better price by being amenable and well-mannered than making threats or arguing.

Some deals aren't actual discounts.
A vendor may be able to work with you by offering additional services in lieu of actually taking money off of the price tag. Extra photo prints, a dessert bar and an extra hour of time in the limousine may seem like great deals, but that's only the case if you truly need these bonuses. Even if it's a great deal, you're still spending more than you had hoped.

Wedding prices can be overwhelming.
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Local bridal show continues to grow annually

Soon to be brides set to walk down the aisles of the MacKenzie Centre

By [Name]

If you're a soon to be bride, head over to the Bridal Fair coming to Drayton Valley MacKenzie Centre on Feb. 1 where local vendors, along with some others, will be setting their booths up. "Our goal for the Bridal Fair is not to 'make money' but to help brides-to-be in our area create the day of their dreams, while promoting local bridal related vendors that help with this sort of thing," said Silvia Rutt who is an events manager for the Town of Drayton Valley. "While not all of our vendors are local, we do our best to

make this a local event." Rutt is actively working together with Kim Verheul to make the event, hosted by the Town of Drayton Valley, a useful one for all the brides attending the fourth annual event.

Last year, close to 100 brides attended the event.

On Feb. 1 attendees will see a fashion show, with local vendor ranging from travel, bridal wear, florists, jewellery, photographer, and health/wellness loss agents, all looking to help brides plan everything for their big day.

"We will be having 15 local ladies volunteering to model dresses at the fashion show," said Rutt.

Four students from Frank Maddock High School's cosmetology class will be volunteering to provide a gentle hand with models' hair.

A total of 27 vendors will set up booths on Feb. 1 with some heading to the area

from Edmonton.

A grand prize giveaway, valuing approximately \$2,000, will be given to one lucky bride.

Rutt explained brides will receive a passport at the event and a chance to stamp the passports as they visit various vendors and enter a draw. The prizes in the giveaway include gift certificates and other tangible items that will be useful to all brides.

The event, that is free to attend, has grown since it first started in 2012. "It started because we wanted to bring a bridal fair (to the area) because there wasn't anything before this for brides," said Rutt. "So we wanted to get local vendors out and be part of this for all local brides."

The event will run on Feb. 1 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. with the fashion show kicking off at 1 p.m. For more information go on facebook.com/DraytonValleyBridalFair.



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Drayton Valley Bridal Fair is set to welcome brides, grooms, and the whole wedding party when doors open on Feb. 1 at the MacKenzie Conference Centre. Now in its fourth year, the event continues to grow every year.




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Be smart about wedding beauty preparation

► The Do's and don'ts of getting ready on the day of the wedding

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All eyes are on the bride and groom on their wedding day. Feeling beautiful and dapper can boost a couple's confidence and ensure they look back on their wedding photographs and videos with pride.

Certain beauty basics and makeup and hair strategies can help any bride look spectacular on her wedding day. The following are some do's and don'ts of wedding day beauty preparation.

Do employ the services of a professional hairstylist and makeup artist. Professionals have the experience and tools of the trade to help you to look

your best. From contouring to make your face seem slimmer to enlarging the appearance of small eyes, some tricks of the trade are best left to the pros.

DON'T forget to schedule a trial run. Make this appointment several months before the wedding day so you have ample time to work with your stylists and experiment with colours and hair arrangements to fit your personality and the style of your gown. Take plenty of pictures and notes so you will remember what needs to be on hand for the wedding day.

DO allow enough time for the wedding day beauty appointment. If you will be going to a salon, block out two or more slots instead of one. This way the stylist does not overbook and will not feel rushed. Many brides opt to have stylists come to their homes. There may be an extra charge for this service, but it may be well worth the cost.

DON'T make any drastic changes to your appearance right before the wedding. This includes changing your hair colour or texture, extreme tanning, using coloured contact lenses, or chopping off all of your hair.

It's better to wait until after the wedding to change your style.

DO bring a veil, headpiece, hair extensions, and any other accessories to your hair consult. This enables the stylist to practice working with these items.

DON'T tweeze or wax brows too close to the start of the ceremony. Redness and swelling are common side effects of tweezing and waxing, and they can be difficult to mask with makeup. Instead, take care of hair removal a day or two prior to the wedding.

DO exfoliate your skin prior to the wedding. This doesn't necessarily mean you should endure a harsh fruit acid peel or another procedure. You can exfoliate with a gentle wash of your skin with a scrubby wash-

cloth to remove any dryness and errant flakes. Moisturize well to ensure a smooth palette for makeup application.

DON'T wash or condition hair the day of the wedding. Intricate styles tend to stay better when hair has a little grip.

"Dirty" hair is easier to work with than shiny, freshly washed locks. If you must wash, remember to thoroughly dry your hair before going to your appointment.

DO wear a little extra makeup than you are accustomed to wearing because it will show up better in photos. However, do not wear so much that you look clownish. A makeup artist can help you achieve the right balance.

DON'T have bridesmaids wear makeup that is bolder than yours, especially red lips. No one should upstage the bride. DO experiment with any products you haven't used

before to test for allergic reactions and see how well they wear.

DON'T wear too much under-eye concealer or one that is too light of a shade. This can draw more attention to problem areas than remedy them.

DO bring a pain relief medication in case a tight hairstyle or headpiece causes a headache.

DON'T forget that men need a little help as well. Exfoliation and moisturizing can help dry skin. Guys should use a new razor and plenty of cream before shaving to avoid irritation. A dusting of finishing powder can banish shiny noses and foreheads for photo-ready faces.

Chances are more photographs will be taken of a newlywed couple than at any other moment in their lives. Certain beauty do's and don'ts should be followed to couples put their best faces forward.

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► Be open and discuss plans for the future before the wedding

News Canada

Getting married is an exciting life event where family and friends gather to celebrate the love between two people. Being able to openly discuss your hopes and dreams for your future lives together is one of the keys to a successful marriage - talking about how you will manage your finances is another.

To help you get the conversation started, CBC offers these tips.

Be honest about your finances. Sit down with your partner and have an honest talk about your finances. Discuss your current financial situations along with your long and short term goals.

Create a plan. Before you plan your budget, work out the logistics of how the finances will be handled when you're married. Visit your local branch to learn about the account options that will best suit your needs. Ask about budgets that will help you save money on your banking services.

File the paperwork. Fill out an RC68 Change of Marital Status form from the Canada Revenue Agency to take advantage of some

of the tax credits that apply to married people, such as spousal RRSP contributions. Learn about the tax benefits so you can maximize the credits and save money.

Say "I will". After you are married, ensure that you and your estate are looked after by meeting with a lawyer to draw up or update a will and powers of attorney (financial and personal). Updating these documents is important, as some provinces and territories will nullify them due to your new marital status.

For more banking tips, visit www.rbcroyalbank.com/personal.html

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Creating a plan for after the wedding will help to relieve the stress once the honeymoon phase of marriage is over. Discussing the future and preparing is an important part of all relationships prior to marriage.

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How to build a wedding registry that benefits everyone

Building a registry that can ensure the process of giving and receiving gifts is comfortable

Many once-popular wedding traditions have fallen by the wayside. But one wedding tradition that has withstood the test of time is the wedding registry. Couples about to tie the knot still build a wedding registry to their guests' knowledge to buy them as wedding gifts. This saves guests the trouble of agonizing over what to buy the couple getting hitched and also ensures that couples won't receive too much of the same item.

Building a registry can be fun, as couples can act like kids in a candy store and add items they might otherwise not be able to afford. But there is a method to building a registry that can ensure the process of giving and receiving gifts is comfortable and convenient for everyone involved.

Choose a national chain. Many stores will allow couples to establish a registry, but it behooves couples to choose a national chain or chain for their registry. A local boutique store might sell several items you would love to have, but that store may only be accessible to guests who live nearby, and such stores may be more expensive than larger national chains that can afford to charge less for similar products. Choosing a national chain ensures all of your guests will be able to access and purchase a gift from your registry, and make

those purchases without breaking the bank.

Choose a store with an online presence. When choosing a store for your registry, it also helps to choose a store with an online presence that's user-friendly. Ideally, pick an online retailer you have already had positive experiences with. This not only will make it easier for your guests, but also for you should you decide to return items down the road.

Choose more than one store. You also want to choose more than one store when building a registry. Some guests will prefer to shop in-store rather than online, and you want to give them some options so they don't have to drive far and wide to find the lone brick and mortar store for your registry.

Visit the stores and do your homework. Though some stores allow you to develop a registry

entirely online, it still helps for couples to visit the store together and build their registries in the more traditional way. Visiting a store as opposed to browsing the store website allows you to touch and feel products, which can give you a more accurate idea of their quality. In addition to seeing the products in person, read online reviews of products before putting them on your registry so you can ensure you're getting quality items.

Choose items that vary in price. Many couples are sheepish about putting expensive items on their registries. That's not surprising, as the cost of attending a wedding, especially one that features lots of out-of-town guests, can be substantial. But some guests, such as the bride and groom's parents and siblings, may want to give a more high-end gift, so don't be afraid to include items in a range of prices.

from the inexpensive to the more costly, on your registry.

Don't abandon the registry after your big day. You won't end up getting everything you include on your registry, but that doesn't mean you should just forget about those items that never made their way into your home. Many retailers offer couples significant discounts on items from their registries that were never purchased, and those discounts may extend for as long as a year after the big day. Revisit your registry after the wedding to see if you can find great deals on those items you never received, and continue to do so until the registry expires.

Building a registry can be a fun activity for couples about to tie the knot. But there are some guidelines to follow to make the process go smoothly for guests and couples alike.

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Annual breast screening clinic will be heading over

Alberta Health Services is bringing mobile breast screening clinic to Drayton Valley and Breton

Mamta Ladia
Western Review

A mobile clinic that will help women over 40 be screened for breast cancer is coming to Drayton Valley and Breton in February.

Screen Test is a mammography service within Alberta Health Services with two permanent clinics in Edmonton and Calgary. The two mobile screening trailers provide services to about 110 communities in rural Alberta.

Harmony McEae, community co-ordinator for Screen Tests with

Alberta Health Services, said the trailer with modern equipment comes to Drayton every year.

"It's a large 53 foot trailer. A mobile clinic home. It's modern piece of equipment with changing rooms and everything inside," she explained.

Women who are 40 and over come to the mobile clinic in their communities with prior appointments, fill out a questionnaire, get a mammogram done which usually involves four pictures on average but can vary because sometimes more pictures are needed.

"But it's usually two pictures on each side of the breast," said McEae.

The mobile clinic comes to rural communities to eliminate the access barrier for women in those communities.

"We do know to get screened they often have to drive further away, that has been a barrier. So they have the comfort of screening in their community," said McEae.

Screening mammograms can help find the disease in earlier stages, two to three years before it becomes a problem.

"Over 80 per cent survive, we want to emphasize getting screened should be part of health routine," she said.

Statistics show that one in eight women would be diagnosed with the disease in Alberta.

For women who are under 40, McEae recommends talking to the family physician about breast health.

"Screening mammography is not recommended for women under 40. They should see a health care provider. The physicians would know their family history. It is recommended they speak to a physician. If they feel a lump or unusual discharge," she said.

The mobile clinic comes to Drayton Valley on Feb. 17 to Feb. 21 and in Breton on Feb. 23 and 24. Prior appointments should be made by calling 1-800-667-0664.

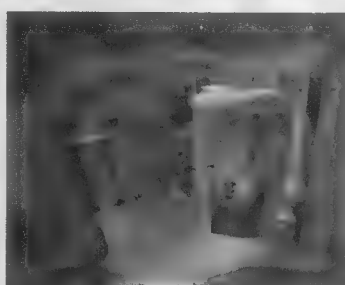


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A mobile exam room inside a 53-foot trailer will be making its way to Drayton Valley and Breton for women to have their breasts screened in the comfort of their own community.

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A couple's wedding day is often a whirlwind for the bride and groom-to-be. Happy couples hope to remember every little detail, but that can be difficult when so much is going on. That is why many brides and grooms hire videographers to preserve the memories of their wedding.

Couples who fail to capture their ceremony and reception on film may feel like they missed out once their big day has come and gone. As a result, a professional videographer can be a wise investment.

Today's wedding videos have come a long way from their

poorly produced predecessors. Gone are the potentially cheesy soundbites and elevator music. Many of today's videos are artistically edited and highly cinematic productions that could have couples wishing they were viewing videos in theatres. The following are some wedding video trends popular among today's couples.

Brief clips and highlights: Few people want to sit through their entire wedding day frame-by-frame. Montages of key elements of the day are much more popular than a chronological unfolding of the ceremony and reception. Some videographers like to show snippets of what's to come at the start of the wedding video, then go into more extensive seg-

ments later on.

Special filters or film: Filters and lighting effects can give a wedding video an entirely different feel. For example, filming in film can lend a grainy touch to the video and make it seem ethereal or even part of a home movie collection. However, few people want the stark reality of a high-definition camera that highlights every flaw.

Film chapters: Dividing segments of the video into different chapters allows viewers to fast forward to the parts they want to see and pass those they can skip. This saves the hassle of having to watch the video in its entirety. Cinematic styling: Instead of a stationary camera on a tripod,

this method of filming incorporates different angles and close-up shots to give the video a modern feel. It's shot more like a movie than a documentary, allowing viewers to feel as though they're really experiencing the event.

Artistic, indie feel: Film buffs may want a wedding video that breaks the mold. Ask videographers to create something that won't fit in at the Sundance or Tribeca film festivals.

Same-day editing: Want to revisit the ceremony at your wedding reception? Some videographers will edit portions of the ceremony and preparations for the big day in the time between the ceremony and

reception. This gives all guests, including those who may not have been able to make the ceremony, the chance to view the nuptials.

Unobtrusive technology: This trend relates to the equipment used to capture wedding memories rather than the actual finished product. No one wants their view of the ceremony or reception to be marred by a big, bulky camera. Smaller video cameras enable videographers to seamlessly blend in and perhaps capture shots that larger cameras could not. Preserving wedding memories takes on new meaning when couples explore the growing trends in wedding video.

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advice

Soil, where food begins

Facts, tips and tricks when caring for soil

Special to the Western Review

Welcome to the International Year of Soils. On December 5th last year Jose Graziano de Silva, the Director General for the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization deemed this year, 2015, to be the International Year of Soils. When I learned this I said to myself, "This is an opportunity that is too good to pass."

You see, I learned many years ago that over 90% of my success in the garden hinged on one thing: the quality of the soil that I plant in. It goes with out saying that my golden rule for a productive garden is, by extension, at the root of our success as a civilization.

To kick off this topic, here are some useful statistics. Use them to show off your soil knowledge while gathered 'round the water cooler on Monday morning.

- It takes up to 1,000 years for a centimetre (about half an inch) of new soil to be made naturally.
- 33% of the world's soils are 'degraded' due to our negligence and misuse.
- 805 million people suffer malnutrition worldwide.
- Projected population growth requires that agriculture increase productivity by 80%.
- 93% of all food comes from the soil (reminder: most of the animals that we use for human consumption feed on plant life).
- Over one third of our food is wasted and over one half of all of our household waste could be composted to produce new soil.
- There are more living



Mark Cullen

organisms in one table spoon of quality soil than there are humans on the face of the earth (over 7 billion).

• 2 hectares/4.9 acres of soil are sealed under expanding cities every minute worldwide.

The Director General referred to soils as the "nearly forgotten resource" and called for more investment in sustainable soil management. Clearly we need to pay attention to how we use our soil. The purpose of setting one year aside to celebrate and educate during the International Year of Soils is to get us to stop and think about the meaning of life underground and what it means to us.

So what can we do of a meaningful nature that will make a difference? I have some suggestions.

1. Compost. I know, most readers are using their green bins diligently and some (though not the majority) have a compost bin out of doors that actually gets filled from time to time. I urge you to take the activity of saving raw, green material, like food waste and fallen leaves, more seriously.

The idea of composting went 'mainstream' over 20 years ago. But our fascination with the conversion of raw, natural material into usable soil by way of the compost bin has not overcome all of the objections to it. I urge you to learn more and help all of us to be more diligent about this. Details at www.compost.org.

2. Plant a Row for the Hungry. For over 20 years members of the Garden Writers Association (of which I am one) have

been preaching the need for fresh garden produce at all food banks. There is an appetite for all kinds of fruits, vegetables, and herbs at food banks across the country. The idea is a simple one: When you plant your garden this coming spring be sure to expand the food production capacity of it to include more tomatoes, squash, carrots, peppers, and potatoes, than you need to feed yourself and your family.

Give the excess to your local food bank. If you have a fruiting tree that produces more fruit than you can eat, preserve, or have time to pick, then be sure to call 'Not Far From the Tree' and volunteer pickers will come to your home to harvest the excess and make sure that it is delivered to people who need it.

3. Learn from farmers. Good farmers understand that they do not nurture plants so much as they foster good soil. The foundation of farming is to take good care of the soil and it will grow a great crop. To this end, they add generous quantities of naturally decomposed animal manures and 'green crops' to their land. They put back more nutrition than they take out.

To do the reverse (take out more than you put into the soil) is what my farmer/brother-in-law calls 'milking the land' and it is as short-sighted as living exclusively on a diet of doughnuts and muffins only to be surprised that you are a candidate for a heart attack down the road.

For details about the International Year of Soils go to www.fao.org and follow the link.

—Mark Cullen appears on Canada AM every Wednesday morning at 8:40. He is spokesperson for Home Hardware Lawn and Garden. Sign up for his free monthly newsletter at www.markcullen.com.



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Soil is where all vegetation begins, which makes caring for it and taking extra steps to nurture it an important part of gardening.

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school notebook

Winter Fun Day was a great success. Thank you to all the Grade 6 students and their teachers who can the event and demonstrated their school leadership qualities.

There is an all-school assembly on Thursday at 2:10 p.m. in the gym. All parents are invited to join us.

Joshua, teacher's C&E professional learning day. School will be closed.

Swimming lessons this week are for classes KGP and GPC. Remember to pack your swimsuit and towel!

*Grade 3s had a fun, active afternoon of skating, hockey and ringette at the Omniplex last Friday and the Grade 5s will be doing the same activity on Feb. 3.

The PAC will meet in the library tonight (Jan. 27) at 7 p.m.

The Grade 5s had a day in Edmonton called Hockey where schools from all across Alberta come to Ross Place and watch an Oil Kings game. Thanks to all the parents who volunteered to help chaperone the trip.

Last week at Eldorado was pretty quiet. Miss Snider came back from her trip. We are very happy to see her back. We wished Mr. Wass a fond farewell and good luck. Thanks for filling in.

The weather was great so kids got to play outside in the sunshine all week. Then things got cozy tonight here on Friday when we had our Tropical dress up day.

Don't forget that Friday, the 30th, is a PD day for teacher and support staff. NO SCHOOL FOR KIDS.

ST. ANTHONY
Grade 7 & 8 students were busy last week! On Tuesday they spent the day skiing and on Thursday they played 'Hockey Hokey', attending an Oil Kings hockey game.

Our students would like to thank the Alberta Opera for coming and performing Rumpelstiltskin on January 23rd. 2015-2016 Preschool & Kindergarten Registration.

There has been tremendous amount of interest in our Preschool and Kindergarten classes. We will be having a registration night on Feb. 26. However, if you would like to secure a spot in the program, please call Mrs. Lemermeyer at the school, 780-542-4488, and have your name placed on our list.

Taking holidays during the school year may result in students missing valuable learning, which may have a negative effect on their academic progress. However, we do understand that because of differing circumstances this may occur in various families. Although our teachers are committed to helping your child progress, please understand that it is not reasonable to request that the teacher prepare detailed lessons or homework missed during your child's absence. Students are responsible for catching up on all missed assignments within a reasonable time frame determined by the teacher through consultation with the student and family.

*Remember when shopping at Sobeys,

be sure to tell the cashier that you would like your points to go towards St. Anthony.

News from the Shark Tank
Running club will be every Monday 9:30-10:30. Fridays there will be Archery during Phys Ed class for Grades 6-8, after school for Grade 4, 5 and 6 Archery Club Members.

School Council News & Notes
Please join us Monday Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. As always, babysitting will be provided.

Important Reminders
Our school doors will open at 8:20 a.m. registration and prayer will begin at 8:35 a.m. and dismissal will be at 3:05 p.m.

Please ensure your child has "weather appropriate" clothing and foot wear with them every day. An extra set of clothes is always a good idea to have in their backpacks.

Preventing the spread of illness in schools is critical to keeping everyone as healthy as possible. Please do your part by keeping your child/children home when they are unwell. It is important that we keep our school safe for everyone. You can help by letting us know if your child is diagnosed with influenza, strep throat, chicken pox, pertussis, measles, Impetigo, fifth disease, hand foot & mouth disease or pneumonia. Remember to call the school every day that your child will be absent. Make sure the school has your current contact information in case your child was to become ill or injured at school.

All messages need to arrive at the main office before lunch hour. This way we can make sure that your child gets this message without being disrupted from their class and ensuring they receive the message before the end of the day. Only in cases of emergency will we call your child out of class. Staff welcomes opportunities to meet and discuss your child's program, but DO NOT interrupt classes to speak to your child's teacher. Please leave a message at the office for the teacher to call and make an appointment.

Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Parents please make sure you call the office or email kerrie.lemermeyer@starcatholic.bc.ca if your child will be late or absent. If you have reached the answering machine please leave a message as staff are unavailable to answer the phone.

Important Dates to Remember
Jan. 28 - Winter Fun Day
Jan. 30 - NO SCHOOL—PD Day
February 3rd and 6th - NO SCHOOL Teacher Convention

Please check our website stan.starcatholic.bc.ca or find us on Facebook St. Anthony School Drayton Valley for up-to-date information.

PATWISTLE
We hope everyone had an opportunity to enjoy the Christmas break and were able to spend time with family and friends.

December was a very busy month thanks to the Entwistle Community Church and all of the volunteers for putting together an amazing turkey lunch on Dec. 16.

Junior high students participated in a Christmas dance at Tomahawk School.

Thirteen junior high students participated in the Polar Cup indoor soccer tournament from Dec. 27 to 29 in Edmonton and Spruce Grove. The team's new soccer jerseys were made possible by a grant from the Ron and Donna Worthington Family Fund at Edmonton Community Foundation. Thanks for your support.

The Friends of Entwistle Learning Society, Casino at Apex Casino in St. Alberts took place. A huge thank you to all of our volunteers: Jesse Klingspohn, Tracey Gardner, Charlene Anderson, Mrs. St. Goddard, Sarah Moffin, Christine Hudson, Kayla McDougall, Sue Widdifield, Jenifer Robertson, Tracy Sutherland, Jay Widdifield, Jeff Robertson, Nicole McIntyre, Carl-Ann Nickel, Sarah Lettice, Bev Tucker, Craig Nickel, Rachael Shaw, Danielle Peguin, Brent Lauckmann, Connie Gilbert, Stacey Crosby, and Shannon Luckmann.

Students went skating twice at the Pembina Arena in Evansburg. More skating dates will be announced soon.

Of course the highlight of December was the Christmas Concert. Just days before the concert our brand new speaker system was installed in the gym. A huge thank you to the generous donation of the speakers that filled

our gym with the beautiful sound of children singing.

With the new year comes many more great opportunities for Entwistle School including the school being proud to be a part of the West Stars Junior High girls' basketball team.

Entwistle Twister will have a junior high boys' basketball team.

Entwistle Twisters Archery team will be starting soon. Listen to the announcements to find out when.

Entwistle Twisters FC will be preparing for another indoor soccer tournament, the Slush Cup, which occurs at the end of February.

SKI Club started on Jan. 14. Check the calendar, or call the office, for other upcoming dates.

Lockers! Lockers! Lockers! New lockers are on the way and will hopefully arrive before Spring Break.

If you have iPods and/or iPads that you no longer use and would like to donate them to the school, please drop them off at the office.

If you should ever have any questions, comments, celebrations or concerns please feel free to email: leworthington.pd70.ab.ca or call (780-727-3811) at any time. We look forward to a great year as we continue to provide every child with many opportunities. Let's have another great year!

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news

Watch for fuel thief

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On Monday, Jan. 12 a fuel theft was reported at a lease site located north of Hwy. 39 and south of Lindsdale, A.B. west of RR. 52.

Earth and Iron Inc. of Drayton Valley had 500 litres of fuel stolen from their heavy equipment which has been parked on the lease awaiting pickup. When police detected, a stolen truck and ATV were also located and returned to their rightful owner.

Sometime between the beginning of November 2014 and the middle of December 2014, three tinmen's trailers went missing or were stolen from just west of Breton. The three trailers had tattoos in their right ears and the following ear tag number: 76A, 117A and 174A.

Between Oct. 31 and Nov. 21 a break and enter and theft on an average on Hwy. 616, just off RR. 33 occurred. Suspects gained entry to the acreage by cutting locks. Parts from vehicles, tires, rims and watches were taken.

The Breton/Thorby RCMP are warning the public about a large number of complaints regarding telephone scams that were received over the last couple of weeks.

The RCMP want the public to be aware of the concern and that if they receive a telephone call or an e-mail from an unknown phone number/e-mail address, an unknown person or an unknown company it may be a scam. It is important that residents do not provide credit card information or any other personal information over the telephone or through e-mail when they are requested to do so by unknown people.

Nowadays there is different fraud techniques used by perpetrators to achieve their goal, including telling potential victims they have won something, or impersonating a child or grandchild and ask for money.

If you know who is responsible for any of the above crimes, please contact the Breton RCMP (780) 696-3520 or CrimeStoppers 1-800-222-TIPS, or online at TipSubmit.com.

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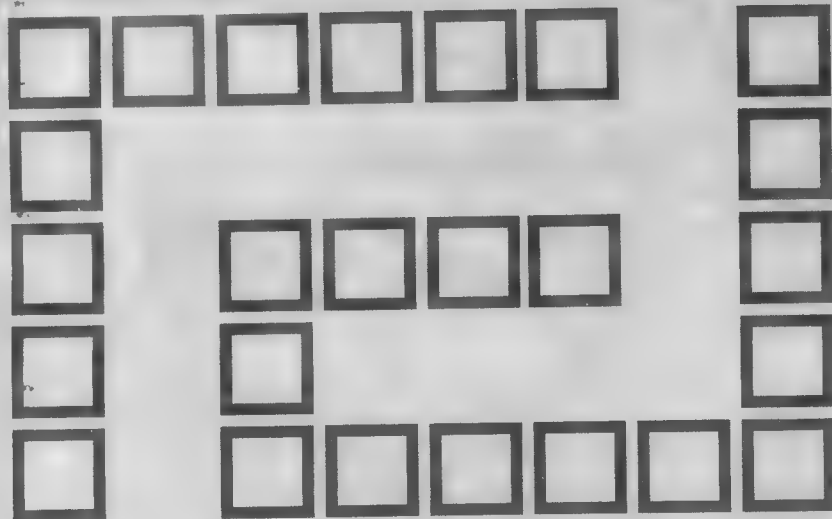
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Dear Working Wife:
My friend picked up a part-time job working at a local restaurant just to make a little extra money. He hasn't been paid for more than a month and he didn't receive a pay stub with his first paycheck. He thinks his employer took too much off his cheque, but he can't confirm it without the pay stub. How long can employers wait to pay their staff and do they have to give you a pay stub?

Alberta's Employment Standards Code requires employers to pay employees at least once per month. Wages, overtime pay and general holiday pay must be paid within 10 consecutive days after the end of each pay period.

And employers must provide employees with a statement of earnings at the end of each pay period that includes the following:

- regular and overtime hours of work;
- wage rate and overtime rate;
- earnings paid that show each component separately;

- deductions from earnings and the reason for each deduction;
- time off in lieu of payment of over-earnings.

The statement of earnings, or pay stub as it is often known, may be provided electronically to employees as long as employees have reasonable access to view and print the electronic version.

Employees may be paid in cash, by cheque or money order or by direct deposit, into an account of the employee's choice, in any recognized financial institution.

The Code allows certain legal deductions to be made from an employee's earnings. These include deductions for Income Tax, Canada Pension Plan and Employment Insurance as well as deductions resulting from a judgment or order of a court.

At least the minimum required by the legislated standards.

Your friend should speak to his employer about getting his overdue paycheck and statement of earnings so he can review it to ensure that it is accurate.

If his employer refuses to provide either, I recommend he call the toll-free Employment Standards Contact Centre for help at 1-877-427-3731. He may want to consider submitting an Employment Standards complaint to recover the unpaid money.

Once he receives his pay stub, he can check the deductions against the list of permissible paystub deductions available on the Employment Standards website at <http://work.alberta.ca/es> under Payment of Earnings.

Good luck!

—Do you have a work-related question? Send your questions to Working Wife, at charles.strachey@valley.ca. Charles Strachey is a manager with Alberta Human Services. This column is provided for general information.



Alberta's Employment Standards Code has several requirements in place that determine when and how often employers are required to pay their employees.

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